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South Carolina's Employment Situation June 2011

Unemployment rate edges up

South Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 10.0 percent in May to 10.5 percent in June. Based on the federal survey of households, an increase in the labor force of 2,830 was noted for an overall level of 2,158,217. The unemployment rate increase in June stems from a higher number of people seeking work, combined with a decrease in job openings. Since 1976, the seasonally adjusted rate from May to June has increased 16 times.

According to the Conference Board's Help Wanted Online Index, online postings of job openings decreased by 1,580 positions last month. Though there was a decline, South Carolina fared better than neighboring states, with North Carolina experiencing 7,800 fewer postings and Georgia experiencing 7,000 fewer postings, a sign that the Southeast economy is still in a fragile state.

South Carolina's nonfarm payroll employment increased by about 3,300, but the brightest spot was a continuing increase in manufacturing employment. This is the fifth consecutive monthly gain in nonfarm payroll employment since January 2011, rising 3.8 percent. The increase in nonfarm employment from June 2010 to June 2011 was 13,500 jobs. Gains were reflected in several major industry sectors: Leisure and Hospitality added about 5,300 jobs; Manufacturing added 1,600 jobs, and Construction saw a 1,500 job increase. These gains were offset by losses in the Government, and Education and Health Services industry sectors.

"Even given the normal summer spike in unemployment, the rate is still reflective of what is going on at the national level. However, we expect this will improve in the future as businesses and jobs continue to come to South Carolina," said DEW Executive Director John Finan.

Finan stated it is important businesses know South Carolina has the expertise, capability and readiness to help them remain competitive and productive.

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Statewide

June 2011

Jobs by Industry	June 2011	May 2011	June 2010	May 2011 to June 2011		June 2010 to June 2011	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,839,400	1,836,100	1,825,900	3,300	0.18%	13,500	0.74%
Natural Resources and Mining	4,200	4,100	4,000	100	2.44%	200	5.00%
Construction	77,800	76,300	80,200	1,500	1.97%	-2,400	-2.99%
Manufacturing	215,300	213,700	207,700	1,600	0.75%	7,600	3.66%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	351,600	350,900	345,800	700	0.20%	5,800	1.68%
Information	25,700	25,700	25,900	0	0.00%	-200	-0.77%
Financial Activities	97,600	98,300	98,300	-700	-0.71%	-700	-0.71%
Professional and Business Services	224,000	223,800	215,100	200	0.09%	8,900	4.14%
Education and Health Services	215,400	217,000	211,200	-1,600	-0.74%	4,200	1.99%
Leisure and Hospitality	226,400	221,100	218,500	5,300	2.40%	7,900	3.62%
Government	333,300	337,800	349,900	-4,500	-1.33%	-16,600	-4.74%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas

June 2011

INDUSTRY TITLE	June 2011	May 2011	June 2010	May 2011 to June 2011		June 2010 to June 2011	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	1,839,400	1,836,100	1,825,900	3,300	0.18%	13,500	0.74%
Anderson MSA	62,500	62,600	59,300	-100	-0.16%	3,200	5.40%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	290,500	289,000	287,100	1,500	0.52%	3,400	1.18%
Columbia MSA	344,200	345,700	345,100	-1,500	-0.43%	-900	-0.26%
Florence MSA	81,800	82,400	82,400	-600	-0.73%	-600	-0.73%
Greenville MSA	297,200	297,200	296,100	0	0.00%	1,100	0.37%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	128,100	123,500	122,700	4,600	3.72%	5,400	4.40%
Spartanburg MSA	117,100	117,900	116,400	-800	-0.68%	700	0.60%
Sumter MSA	37,600	37,500	37,000	100	0.27%	600	1.62%

Note: Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY COUNTY, MSA, AND STATE
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

AREA	June 2011				May 2011				June 2010			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
Marion County	12,755	10,188	2,567	20.1	12,443	10,073	2,370	19.0	12,775	10,178	2,597	20.3
Allendale County	3,411	2,748	663	19.4	3,316	2,712	604	18.2	3,406	2,759	647	19.0
Marlboro County	11,686	9,538	2,148	18.4	11,575	9,508	2,067	17.9	12,037	9,594	2,443	20.3
Union County	11,336	9,376	1,960	17.3	11,168	9,378	1,790	16.0	11,503	9,398	2,105	18.3
Chester County	14,733	12,205	2,528	17.2	14,607	12,216	2,391	16.4	14,971	12,239	2,732	18.2
Barnwell County	8,770	7,316	1,454	16.6	8,606	7,293	1,313	15.3	8,908	7,362	1,546	17.4
Bamberg County	6,467	5,434	1,033	16.0	6,305	5,416	889	14.1	6,497	5,485	1,012	15.6
Clarendon County	13,194	11,113	2,081	15.8	12,910	11,021	1,889	14.6	13,016	11,118	1,898	14.6
Dillon County	13,819	11,650	2,169	15.7	13,615	11,604	2,011	14.8	13,988	11,761	2,227	15.9
McCormick County	3,342	2,826	516	15.4	3,330	2,824	506	15.2	3,347	2,855	492	14.7
Orangeburg County	40,916	34,634	6,282	15.4	40,151	34,569	5,582	13.9	41,123	34,914	6,209	15.1
Lancaster County	30,619	25,919	4,700	15.3	30,358	25,949	4,409	14.5	31,045	25,990	5,055	16.3
Lee County	8,429	7,172	1,257	14.9	8,211	7,123	1,088	13.3	8,377	7,226	1,151	13.7
Hampton County	8,135	6,944	1,191	14.6	7,979	6,886	1,093	13.7	8,058	6,962	1,096	13.6
Williamsburg County	16,398	14,010	2,388	14.6	15,939	13,872	2,067	13.0	16,280	14,022	2,258	13.9
Cherokee County	24,846	21,267	3,579	14.4	24,656	21,301	3,355	13.6	25,030	21,302	3,728	14.9
Chesterfield County	18,761	16,122	2,639	14.1	18,581	16,060	2,521	13.6	19,206	16,180	3,026	15.8
Colleton County	17,996	15,469	2,527	14.0	17,654	15,363	2,291	13.0	17,742	15,488	2,254	12.7
Darlington County	31,225	26,844	4,381	14.0	30,776	27,036	3,740	12.2	31,413	27,326	4,087	13.0
York County	113,132	97,991	15,141	13.4	114,107	98,643	15,464	13.6	116,019	97,870	18,149	15.6
Fairfield County	10,872	9,425	1,447	13.3	10,780	9,459	1,321	12.3	10,973	9,494	1,479	13.5
Abbeville County	11,101	9,662	1,439	13.0	10,913	9,642	1,271	11.6	11,057	9,607	1,450	13.1
Greenwood County	30,929	27,084	3,845	12.4	30,593	27,067	3,526	11.5	30,937	27,152	3,785	12.2
Sumter County	46,480	40,719	5,761	12.4	45,792	40,600	5,192	11.3	45,898	40,414	5,484	11.9
Calhoun County	6,735	5,923	812	12.1	6,711	5,945	766	11.4	6,712	5,967	745	11.1
Florence County	63,703	56,154	7,549	11.9	63,515	56,557	6,958	11.0	64,254	57,164	7,090	11.0
Spartanburg County	135,426	119,547	15,879	11.7	134,418	120,377	14,041	10.4	135,350	119,573	15,777	11.7
Laurens County	32,491	28,728	3,763	11.6	32,091	28,772	3,319	10.3	32,449	28,734	3,715	11.4
Newberry County	18,506	16,376	2,130	11.5	18,171	16,300	1,871	10.3	18,472	16,456	2,016	10.9
Georgetown County	31,194	27,653	3,541	11.4	30,592	27,336	3,256	10.6	31,116	27,522	3,594	11.6
Oconee County	31,391	27,854	3,537	11.3	30,969	27,800	3,169	10.2	31,467	27,847	3,620	11.5
Anderson County	88,580	78,789	9,791	11.1	87,433	79,011	8,422	9.6	85,820	76,261	9,559	11.1
Jasper County	10,658	9,471	1,187	11.1	10,466	9,457	1,009	9.6	10,549	9,499	1,050	10.0
Kershaw County	30,103	26,808	3,295	10.9	29,560	26,905	2,655	9.0	30,078	27,004	3,074	10.2
Berkeley County	83,542	74,704	8,838	10.6	82,102	74,354	7,748	9.4	82,655	74,273	8,382	10.1
Richland County	183,198	163,801	19,397	10.6	181,354	164,394	16,960	9.4	183,342	164,999	18,343	10.0
Horry County	142,732	127,691	15,041	10.5	138,147	123,879	14,268	10.3	138,973	124,282	14,691	10.6
Edgefield County	11,191	10,051	1,140	10.2	11,045	10,063	982	8.9	11,236	10,204	1,032	9.2
Pickens County	57,617	51,794	5,823	10.1	56,960	51,874	5,086	8.9	57,684	51,805	5,879	10.2
Beaufort County	66,462	60,046	6,416	9.7	65,482	59,954	5,528	8.4	65,714	60,223	5,491	8.4
Saluda County	9,016	8,141	875	9.7	8,983	8,170	813	9.1	9,040	8,201	839	9.3
Charleston County	181,298	163,851	17,447	9.6	178,123	163,083	15,040	8.4	179,367	162,906	16,461	9.2
Dorchester County	65,975	59,798	6,177	9.4	65,038	59,517	5,521	8.5	65,451	59,453	5,998	9.2
Greenville County	225,703	204,466	21,237	9.4	223,843	204,780	19,063	8.5	225,988	204,510	21,478	9.5
Aiken County	76,956	69,808	7,148	9.3	76,151	69,888	6,263	8.2	77,228	70,866	6,362	8.2
Lexington County	134,526	122,727	11,799	8.8	133,738	123,172	10,566	7.9	134,345	123,625	10,720	8.0
Charleston MSA	330,815	298,353	32,462	9.8	325,263	296,954	28,309	8.7	327,474	296,632	30,842	9.4
Columbia MSA	374,450	336,825	37,625	10.0	371,127	338,046	33,081	8.9	374,491	339,290	35,201	9.4
Florence MSA	94,928	82,998	11,930	12.6	94,291	83,593	10,698	11.3	95,667	84,490	11,177	11.7
Greenville MSA	315,811	284,988	30,823	9.8	312,894	285,426	27,468	8.8	316,122	285,050	31,072	9.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
South Carolina	2,158,217	1,931,449	226,768	10.5	2,155,387	1,939,836	215,551	10.0	2,162,362	1,923,515	238,847	11.0

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

County and single-county MSA's are sorted by current month's unemployment rate in descending order.